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VISITING MPLA TEAM

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1. SUMMARY; VISITING MPLA DELEGATION GIVEN EXTENSIVE
FAVORABLE PUBLICITY AND HIGH-LEVEL GOG RECEPTION. PNC SPONSORING
MASS RALLY FOR THEM EVENING DEC 30. THEY WILL NEXT VISIT
CARACAS, LIMA, PANAMA AND POSSIBLY MEXICO. END SUMMARY.

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2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED NEWSPAPER, GUYANA CHRONICLE, GEORGETOWN'S ONLY MAJOR DAILY, GAVE MOST OF FRONT PAGE MORNING DEC 30 TO HIGHLY FAVORABLE STORY ON VISITING MPLA TEAM. THE THREE-PERSON TEAM FOURTH INDIVIDUAL, THE WHITE MALE MENTIONED IN REFTEL A, TURNED OUT TO BE THEIR CUBAN INTERPRETER) IS COMPOSED OF ROBERTO DE ALMEIDA, PAULETTE MORAIS LOPES, AND MAJOR HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO SANTOS--ALL REPORTEDLY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. GROUP REPORTEDLY ATTENDED CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS, VISITED JAMAICA (REF B), AND WILL LEAVE JAN 1 FOR VENEZUELA, PERU, PANAMA AND MEXICO (THOUGH LOPES REPORTEDLY MENTIONED THAT PERMISSION FOR MEXICO VISIT NOT YET RECEIVED). ON DEC 29 GROUP MET WITH FONMIN WILLS AND PNC OFFICIALS AND HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY WERE TO MEET WITH PRIMIN BURNHAM AFTERNOON DEC 29, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED MEETING. THIS EVENING (DEC 30) A MASS RALLY WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE RULING PEOPLES NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) FOR THE VISITING DELEGATION.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, SANTOS LINKED POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT OF MPLA TO LONG-TERM FUTURE SURVIVAL OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND PRESENT REGIME IN RHODESIA. HE ALSO STATED THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS BEING GIVEN BY FIVE AFRICAN NATIONS AND THAT RECOGNITION FOR THE MPLA HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM 37 NATIONS. SOVIET ASSISTANCE, HE CLAIMED, WAS RECEIVED ONLY AFTER THE AMERICANS SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT TO THE FNLA-UNITA FORCES AND DOES NOT INVOLVE TROOPS OR ADVISERS IN ANGOLA. WHILE ADMITTING CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS FIGHTING IN ANGOLA, HE SAID CUBANS WILL NOT SEND TROOPS AND PRESENT CONTROVERSY OVER CARIBBEAN AIRLIFT IS ONLY FOR SUPPLIES. SANTOS GAVE THE REASON FOR THEIR VISIT AS FORGING CLOSER TIES WITH GUYANA AND TO CLARIFY A NUMBER OF POINTS. ARTICLE CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT GROUP QUOTE BELIEVES THE GOG IS THE ONE WITH THE CLEAREST POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA IN WHOLE OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN UNQUOTE.

4. CHRONICLE ALSO PUBLISHED TWO OTHER PRO-MPLA ARTICLES, INCLUDING JAMAICA PRIMIN MANLEY'S STATEMENT THAT HE WILL STUDY MPLA'S REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL HELP. ARTICLE ON THE MPLA VISITING TEAM SHARED FRONT PAGE WITH A REUTER DISPATCH UNCLASSIFIED

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CITING A USG SPOKESMAN (TRATTNER) STATING THAT NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO MESSAGE SENT O GOG CONCERNING USE OF GUYANA AIRFIELD FOR A REFUELING STOP BY CUBAN AIRLINES ENROUTE TO ANGOLA, AND ONE BY A LOCAL AUTHOR STATING THE APPROACH BY USG WAS QUOTE AN EXAMPLE OF KIND OF PRESSURE BEING APPLIED ON

THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO FALL IN LINE WITH USG POLICY UNQUOTE (SEE REFTEL D).

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